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## COUNCIL

The Council met at Saratoga Springs, July 4, 1918, President Montgomery presiding.

Twenty-six members, a quorum, were present.

The following committee was appointed by the President to nominate five members to the Council to be elected by the Council: J. I. Wyer, Jr., E. H. Anderson, Sarah C. N. Bogle, Linda A. Eastman, and C. F. D. Belden.

A letter was read from a member of the Council recommending that the A. L. A. compile a list of pro-German literature which should be withdrawn from circula-

tion by all public libraries of the United States.

*Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to consider and act with power on the preparation of a list of warning of books whose misuse should be guarded against.

The Committee on Nominations to the Council submitted the names of M. L. Raney, Pauline McCauley, M. J. Ferguson, Agnes Van Valkenburgh and R. R. Bowker, and on vote that the secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for their election, they were declared elected to the Council for a term of five years each.

Adjourned.

## AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES SECTION

### FIRST SESSION

(Joint session with League of Library Commissions and National Association of State Libraries.)

By invitation of the Agricultural Libraries Section, a joint session with the League of Library Commissions and the National Association of State Libraries was held on the evening of July 3, the subject for the symposium being "Libraries and the food problem."

At the request of Mr. George A. Deveau, chairman of the Agricultural Libraries Section, Mr. Henry N. Sanborn presided.

Miss Clara F. Baldwin, secretary of the Minnesota Library Commission, spoke for the library commissions as follows:

"The library extension commissions which exercise advisory or supervisory functions have naturally pushed the work done for food conservation through their regular channels of activity. These commissions have undertaken to help libraries to show (1) why conservation is needed, through special bulletin boards, circulation and distribution of material, use of posters, exhibits, talks and all the methods outlined by the Food Administration; and (2) how to conserve.

In thirteen states the executive officer of the library extension commission, or some member of the staff, has been appointed library publicity director. In Illinois and Massachusetts the commission secretary is a member of the library publicity committee. The methods employed by the commission have included circular letters sent out at regular intervals or from time to time as occasion required. The commissions which publish bulletins have stressed the subject of food conservation in these publications. The work has also been emphasized at state and district meetings and library institutes. In Illinois six library conferences were held in different parts of the state and fifty-nine libraries were visited for special conferences. The work of local libraries has been supplemented through special loan of charts and exhibits of posters, photographs and motion picture slides."

Mr. Godard, librarian of the Connecticut State Library, was the next speaker. He said in part:

"In planning to speak for state libraries it was realized that the most that could be done was to give an account of what the State Library of Connecticut had accomplished, not because it was unusual but because it was well known to the speaker and it was believed to be typical of the work done in the other states.